

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-12, 15, 18, and 21-27 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 15 and 18 were amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1. The remaining claims amendments and new claims are to provide correct dependencies in view of the amendments to Claims 1, 15 and 18. Applicant respectfully submits that each pending claim is in a condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter on page 4 of the Final Office Action.

As there were nineteen (19) Claims pending prior to the Final Office Action and as there are now nineteen pending claims, Applicant submits that this Amendment should be entered. Indeed, in view of the Examiner's refusal to enter the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on August 25, 2005, on September 27, 2005 and on October 12, 2005, Applicant's representative, Mr. Brandon M. White, telephoned Examiner Noori to discuss the Examiner's refusal to enter the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on August 25, 2005. The Examiner indicated that while each claim in that Amendment continued allowable subject matter, as there were more claims pending in the Amendment than before the Final Office Action, the Examiner refused to enter the Amendment. Examiner Noori did indicate that if Applicant filed a Supplemental Amendment having no more than nineteen (19) claims, such an amendment would be entered.

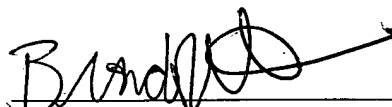
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Docket No. Q78444

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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